

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

CHARLOTTESVILLE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 2, 1905

My dear Doctor Harper,

Your telegram was the straw
that broke my back in this
Asbury matter though similar
messages from Dougherty & Max-
well had greatly disturbed me.
I want to see you and I want to
do what you ask but I am
bound here by matters of a
very serious nature in connection

Surely you must sympathize
with my regret and embarrass-
ment for I mortally hate
a "quitter" and I like to
be of service.

I am sending this to you on
the chance of finding you.

Always faithfully,

Edw. L. McLean

with the life of this University
I foresaw the difficulty - several
weeks ago and notified
Pres. Maxwell. As my speech
was to be only a ten minute
affair I could not dream of
any difficulty in filling
the vacancy. We are choosing
four new professors here
and this week is the crucial
time and I must be here
or seriously embarrass my
Board and the whole situation

with the life of this University
has been the different
months ago and notified
that the University
was to be only a few
offer of such that
any difficulty in
the University. The
for our operations
and this week in the
the University
or several countries
Board and the whole